

REMARKS

Claims 2-12 and 15, amended claims 1, 13, and 14, and new claims 16-19 are in this application.

Claims 1-4, 11 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Margulis (U.S. Patent No. 6,263,503) in view of Naka et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,707,503) and Callway (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0202006).

Independent claim 1 as amended herein recites in part the following:

"when the receiving apparatus receives a digital broadcast signal, the digital broadcast signal is decoded and displayed on the primary display, and the decoded signal is encoded again and sent to the secondary display,

when the digital broadcast signal is a high definition (HD) digital broadcast signal, the HD digital broadcast signal is down-converted to a standard definition (SD) digital broadcast signal before being sent to the secondary display," (Emphasis added.)

In explaining the above 103 rejection with regard to claim 1 and as best understood, the Examiner appears to assert that Margulis (and in particular lines 28-31 of column 7 and lines 22-30 of column 8 and elements 156, 536 and 538 of Fig. 5 of Margulis) disclose the above feature "when the receiving apparatus receives a digital broadcast signal, . . . is encoded again and sent to the secondary display." It is respectfully submitted that such portions of Margulis do not appear to disclose "when the digital broadcast signal is a high definition (HD) digital broadcast signal, the HD digital broadcast signal is down-converted to a standard definition (SD) digital

broadcast signal before being sent to the secondary display," as in claim 1. (Emphasis added.) Although the portions of Margulis relied on by the Examiner appear to mention transcoding 538 which may include converting A/V data into data having a different bit rate, such portions of Margulis do not appear to disclose the specific down-converting feature of claim 1.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is distinguishable from the applied combination of Margulis, Naka and Callway.

For reasons similar to or somewhat similar to those previously described with regard to claim 1, it is also respectfully submitted that amended independent claim 13 is also distinguishable from the applied combination of Margulis, Naka and Callway.

Claims 2-4 and 11 are dependent from independent claim 1. Accordingly, it is also respectfully submitted that dependent claims 2-4 and 11 are distinguishable from the applied combination of Margulis, Naka and Callway for at least the reasons previously described.

Claims 5, 7, and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Margulis, Naka and Callway as applied to claim 4 above, and further in view of Huang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,437,836).

Claims 5, 7, and 8 are dependent from independent claim 1. Accordingly, it is also respectfully submitted that dependent claims 5, 7, and 8 are distinguishable from the applied combination of Margulis, Naka and Callway for at least the reasons previously described. The Examiner does not appear to rely on Huang to overcome the above-described deficiencies of Margulis. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that dependent claims 5, 7, and 8 are distinguishable from the applied combination of Margulis, Naka, Callway and Huang.

Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Margulis, Naka and Callway as applied to claim 4 above, and further in view of Miyazaki et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0187885).

Claim 6 is dependent from independent claim 1. Accordingly, it is also respectfully submitted that dependent claim 6 is distinguishable from the applied combination of Margulis, Naka and Callway for at least the reasons previously described. The Examiner does not appear to rely on Miyazaki to overcome the above-described deficiencies of Margulis. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that dependent claim 6 is distinguishable from the applied combination of Margulis, Naka, Callway and Miyazaki.

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Margulis, Naka, Callway and Huang et al. as applied to claim 7 above, and further in view of Miyazaki et al.

Claim 9 is dependent from independent claim 1. Accordingly, it is also respectfully submitted that dependent claim 9 is distinguishable from the applied combination of Margulis, Naka and Callway for at least the reasons previously described. The Examiner does not appear to rely on Huang and Miyazaki to overcome the above-described deficiencies of Margulis. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that dependent claim 9 is distinguishable from the applied combination of Margulis, Naka, Callway, Huang and Miyazaki.

Claims 10 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Margulis, Naka and Callway as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Maze et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,557,338).

Claims 10 and 12 are dependent from independent claim 1. Accordingly, it is also respectfully submitted that dependent claims 10 and 12 are distinguishable from the applied combination of Margulis, Naka and Callway for at least the reasons previously described. The Examiner does not appear to rely on Maze to overcome the above-described deficiencies of Margulis. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that dependent claims 10 and 12 are distinguishable from the applied combination of Margulis, Naka, Callway and Maze.

Claims 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Margulis in view of Huang et al.

For reasons similar to or somewhat similar to those previously described with regard to claim 1, it is also respectfully submitted that amended independent claim 14 is also distinguishable from Margulis as applied by the Examiner. The Examiner does not appear to rely on Huang to overcome the above-described deficiencies of Margulis. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 14 is distinguishable from the applied combination of Margulis and Huang.

Claim 15 is dependent from independent claim 14. Accordingly, it is also respectfully submitted that dependent claim 15 is distinguishable from the applied combination of Margulis and Huang for at least the reasons previously described.

New dependent claims 16-19 have been added herein.

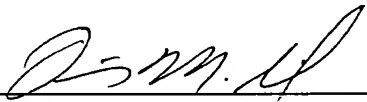
As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been overcome, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such

action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional rejections and/or objections which the Examiner might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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